Arboricultural Implications Assessment and
Preliminary Method Statement

OAS/1461-AR01

For
Pointers East, Ormesby St. Margaret
Persimmon Homes

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Arboricultural Impact Assessment

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Oakfield Arboricultural Services were instructed to undertake a tree survey and provide arboricultural advice on the site known as Pointers East, Caister-on-Sea (within the parish of Ormesby St Margaret) to accompany a planning application.

1.2 A detailed survey was undertaken by Stephen Milligan in August 2014. The survey was carried out in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 ‘Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations’

1.3 The scope of ‘Trees in relations to construction’ is to provide recommendations and guidance on how trees and other vegetation may be satisfactorily integrated into construction and development projects. The overall aim of this is to ensure the continued longevity and quality of amenity contribution that trees appropriate for retention and protection provide. This report and its appendices follow precisely the strategy for arboricultural appraisal and input intended to provide councils with evidence that trees have been properly considered throughout the development process.

2.0 Disclosure

2.1 A sketch layout has been provided by Persimmon Homes drawing no. PE-SK01 Rev F

3.0 Limitations

3.1 This is a preliminary assessment from ground level and observations have been made solely from a visual perspective for the purposes of assessment in terms relevant to planning and development. No invasive or other detailed internal decay detection devices have been used in assessing internal conditions.

3.2 Any conclusions relate to conditions found at the time of inspection. Any significant alteration to the site that may affect the trees that are present or have a bearing on planning
implications (including level changes, hydrological changes, extreme climatic events or other site works) will necessitate a re-assessment of the trees and the site and render any previous advice/ findings invalid.

3.3 This is an arboricultural report and no such reliance must be given to comments relating to buildings, engineering, soil or ecological issues.

3.4 This is not a full health and safety audit and should not be viewed or used as such.

3.5 This report is for the sole use of the client any reproduction or use by any other parties is strictly prohibited without written formal consent by the author.

4.0 Site Description and Tree Discussion

4.1 The site is a parcel of agricultural land to the south east of Ormesby St Margret and north of Caister-On- Sea in Norfolk. Access to the site is gained from Yarmouth Road off Ormesby Road to the eastern boundary.

4.2 A total of 14 individual trees, 3 groups of trees and 7 hedges have been assessed in detail from ground level by visual means only. The Tree Survey Schedule, at Appendix 2, details the trees in respect of dimension and quality in accordance with the methodology set out in the British Standard 5837:2012.

4.3 The site’s vegetation is for the main part located to the northern and eastern boundaries with hedgerows found to all boundaries. Mainly native in species make up the vegetation is sporadic with few significant individuals.

5.0 Development Implication Assessment

5.1 The proposal is to develop the site to accommodate a residential development including associated highways, services and private and open green space.
5.2 The proposal requires the removal of H3, H4, H5 and H6 to accommodate the layout. All with the exception of H6 are graded category C, H6 is graded category B. To mitigate the loss of H6 accommodation should be made to replace within any landscape proposal and located within the area of H6 so as to replace the lost landscape value that H6 gives.

5.3 Tree protective fencing will need to be installed as shown on the tree protection plan OAS 1461 TS03 and TS04. This must be installed prior to works commencing on site and remain in situ throughout the construction phase.

5.4 Any new service runs must be located outside any indicated root protection zone. Other general precautions should be considered such as storage facilities, office site, construction routes and chemical spillage so as not to be sited or have the potential to damage retained trees and their indicated root protection areas.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The following can be concluded

- 3 category C and 1 category B hedges are to be removed, mitigation for the loss of H6, category B must be accommodated within any landscape proposal
- Tree protective fencing to be installed as indicated on the tree protection plan

6.2 As long as the precautions above and as listed within the method statement are adhered to along with an adequate landscape proposal the layout will not have a material effect to the sites arboricultural value and to the arboricultural amenity and landscape value.
Preliminary Method Statement

1.0 Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to aid the preservation of trees shown to be retained at and adjacent to the site shown on the attached plan OAS/ 1461-TS03, TS04. Trees can easily be retained and effectively protected during the proposed redevelopment of the site, by clearly setting out the tree protection methods, construction techniques and working practices. This document provides this information; principles that are approved and enforced by the local planning authority.

1.3 This document gives site specific instructions on the methods required to protect the existing tree stock agreed to be retained. These methods are set out in a logical sequence of operations.

1.4 The BS recommendations are made for appropriate barriers to exclude construction from RPA’s: The RPA for each tree or group is provided in the tree survey schedule. The protective barriers are sacrosanct and no construction activities shall take place within this zone. This fencing should be erected in position prior to any construction and be maintained in position for the duration of the development process.

1.5 The Tree Protection Plan (TPP) will indicate retained trees, trees to be removed, the precise location of protective barriers and ground protection, service routing and specifications, areas designated for structural landscaping to be protected and suitable space for site materials storage and other construction related facilities. This document and the associated TPP will be endorsed by planning conditions, agreement or obligation as appropriate.
2.0 **Important Tree Information**

2.1 As the majority of tree roots are found in the upper metre of soil, development works, including for example even shallow excavation, soil compaction and soil contamination, can be harmful to trees in close proximity. Trees differ in their tolerance of root loss or disturbance, according to their age, species and/or condition. All protection works within this document will be in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 ‘Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations’

2.2 An assessment of the site’s tree stock has been undertaken and those trees to be retained are clearly shown on the Tree Protection Plan (TPP). A calculation has been made of the volume of soil required to ensure the survival of these and this is represented by the Root Protection Area (RPA) indicated by the magenta circles or squares around the retained tree on the plan.

2.3 The RPA has been used to inform the Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ), the area to be protected during development by the use of barriers, ground protection and specialised construction techniques - outlined below:-

3.2 **Sequenced Methods of Construction and Tree Protection**

P1.0 **Phase 1- Pre Contract Meeting**

P1.1 An onsite meeting will be held, if required with all relevant parties including the developer, appointed arboricultural supervisor and Local Planning Authority (LPA) representative. The purpose of this meeting is to record site features including tree condition, agree tree works (detailed below), location of permanent and temporary access, location of site storage and the location of tree protection barriers.
P2.0 Phase 2- Execute Agreed Tree Works

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<tr>
<th>Tree No</th>
<th>Proposed Works</th>
<th>Comments</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>H1, H3, H4, H5, H6</td>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>To accommodate the layout</td>
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</table>

P2.1 All tree work is to conform to BS 3998:2010 and to current arboricultural best practice. Tree works are to be undertaken by a professional and specialist arboricultural contractor, who carries the appropriate experience and insurance cover and following formal approval from the LPA.

P3.0 Phase 3- Tree Protection Barriers and ground protection

P3.1 In order to protect the tree stems from significant construction activity, protection barriers will be erected. See Plan for fencing location. Fencing should be of a reasonable standard and suitable for the purpose of preventing machinery entering the protected zones see example given below in appendix 1.

P3.2 Once the barriers have been properly erected in position, they are to be considered as sacrosanct and are not to be removed or altered in any way without prior approval from the LPA.

P3.3 Clear notices are to be fixed to the outside of the fencing with words such as ‘PROTECTED AREA – NO ACCESS AND NO STORAGE OR WORKING WITHIN THIS AREA’. All operatives and other relevant personnel are to be informed of the role of the exclusion barriers and their importance.

P3.4 The location of the protection barriers is indicated on the TPP. The barriers will be erected prior to any works on site in the vicinity of retained trees, including the delivery of machinery, materials, plant or equipment to the site or any adjacent land. The barriers will remain in situ until final completion or a time agreed by the LPA and Contractor.
P4.0 Phase 4-Ground works

P4.1 Spoil, including soil and rubble surplus to requirements will be removed from site and not stored against any protective fencing.

P4.2 Service runs to be located outside any indicated RPA.

P5.0 Phase 5- Dismantling Protection Barriers and Landscaping Works

P5.1 A minimum of seven days’ notice will be given to the LPA prior to the dismantling of the protection barriers.

P5.2 All landscaping once the barriers have been removed will avoid soil re-grading and disturbance within the CEZ and no soil levels be altered after the protection barriers have been removed. All vehicles are strictly prohibited from entering any RPA once barriers are removed.

4.0 General Principles for Tree Protection

4.1 A copy of this AMS and the attached TPP is to be retained on site at all times and all personnel associated with the construction process will be made familiar with the principles within.

4.2 No fires are to be lit on site at any stage during the construction process.

4.3 A designated storage area is to be created away from retained trees. All materials for construction purposes are to be stored in this compound. Care must be taken to avoid the leakage or leaching of noxious materials into the soil.

4.4 No materials will be stored or left stacked in positions around the site other than within the storage compound area.
5.0 Communication Details, Monitoring and Compliance

5.1 In order to ensure that the principles of tree protection set out in the statement are adhered to, it is important to set out communication details for key individuals and tasks that require monitoring. These details should be retained by all relevant parties and available on site at all times. Relevant parties will be advised of any changes in personnel or contractor during the development process.

5.2 Before construction begins written confirmation that the developer/contractor or its agents agree to comply in full with the principles set out within this Method Statement will be lodged with the LPA.
Appendix 1: Tree Protection Fencing

Figure 2 — Protective barrier

1. Standard scaffold poles
2. Uprights to be driven into the ground
3. Panels secured to uprights with wire ties and where necessary standard scaffold clamps
4. Weldmesh wired to the uprights and horizontals
5. Standard clamps
6. Wire twisted and secured on inside face of fencing to avoid easy dismantling
7. Ground level
8. Approx. 0.6 m driven into the ground
## Appendix 2 Tree Survey Schedule

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<th>DBH (mm)</th>
<th>RPR (cm)</th>
<th>RPA (m)</th>
<th>Age class</th>
<th>Gen Cond</th>
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<th>BS Sub Cat</th>
<th>Prelim Tree Work Recommendations</th>
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<td>326.69</td>
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<td>20+</td>
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<td>Reduce over extended limb</td>
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<td>750</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>254.34</td>
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<td>720</td>
<td>864</td>
<td>234.40</td>
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<td>680</td>
<td>816</td>
<td>209.08</td>
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<td>122.26</td>
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<td>1200</td>
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<td>Large open grown specimen. Root pruned via ploughing operations. Good form and with good health. Lower stem ivy dominated</td>
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<td>18.09</td>
<td>MA</td>
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<td>Dominated by ivy, of little significance</td>
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<td>180</td>
<td>10.17</td>
<td>MA</td>
<td>F</td>
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<td>Field boundary hedge to main road. Good condition well maintained</td>
<td>40+ B 1, 2</td>
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<td>Understorey hedge to T1- T7. Unmanaged but screens adjacent site</td>
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<td>Internal field boundary hedge. Good condition well maintained</td>
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<td>Field boundary hedge to unused road. Good condition well maintained</td>
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<td>MA</td>
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<td>Boundary hedge to residential houses. Some gaps within where fencing has been erected. Likely in ownership of individual properties</td>
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<td>240</td>
<td>18.09</td>
<td>MA</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>Offsite group to residential properties. Good screen.</td>
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Tree Schedule Explanatory Notes

Ref.no Identifies trees, groups and hedges on the accompanying plan.
Species Common names are provided to aid wider comprehension.
Height Describes the approximate height of the tree measured in metres from ground level
Canopy Spread Indicates the crown radius from the base of the tree in four compass directions, recorded to the nearest metre.
Ground Clearance Height of crown clearance above adjacent ground in metres.
DBH (mm) DBH is the diameter of the stem measured in cm at 1.5m from ground level for single stemmed trees or just above root flare for multi-stemmed trees. Stem Diameter may be estimated where access is restricted.
RPR (cm) Root Protection Radius (RPR) is area required to be protected measured radially from the trunk centre.
RPA (m²) Root Protection Area (RPA) is the minimum rooting area in m² which should remain undisturbed around each tree.
Age Class Age of the tree expressed as Y- Young, MA- Middle-Aged, EM- Early Mature, M- Mature or OM- Over-Mature
General Condition Overall condition of tree expressed as :Good, Fair, Poor, Dead
Structural defects/Comments May include general comments about growth characteristics, how it is affected by other trees and any previous surgery works. Also specific problems such as dead wood, pests, diseases, broken limbs. Etc
Estimated Remaining Years Categorised in year bands of less than 10, 10+, 20+, 40+
BS Category B.S. Cat refers to (BS 5837:2005 Table 1) and refers to tree/overall group quality and value; 'A' - High; ‘B’ - Moderate; 'C' - Low; 'U' - Remove.
Sub Category Sub Cat refers to the retention criteria values where 1 is arboricultural, 2 is landscape and 3 is cultural including conservational, historic and commemorative